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January 5, 2011

TO: Gail Farber
Director of Public Works

FROM: Sachi A. Hamai 
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENT REVIEW AND RESPONSE

At the Board of Supervisors' meeting held January 4, 2011, during the Public Comment portion of the meeting, Paul Hahn addressed the Board regarding alleged bias during the Request for Proposals process for selection of a contractor for the Department of Public Works' Elementary School Environmental Education. During the discussion, Supervisor Antonovich requested you to review Mr. Hahn's testimony, and report back to the Board.

Enclosed is a "Request to Address the Board" form filled out by Paul Hahn, and a copy of the transcript to assist you in preparing your report.

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Enclosures

c: Each Supervisor

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**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

Tuesday, January 04, 2011

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Agenda Number: Public Comment

HOA

	First	MI	Last	Position
Name	Paul		Hahn	Public Comment
Address	801 Appleby Street			Phone (323) 363-0074
City	Los Angeles	State	CA	Zip 90291

Name of Organization Represented (if applicable)

Wildlife Learning Center

Please Provide A Brief Description Of Your Position On This Matter



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1 >> BUT I'M DEAF BUT CAN SPEAK. MY PROBLEM IS FOR ALL DEAF
2 PEOPLE GENERAL PROBLEM BECAUSE WHEN WE HAVE OUR APPOINTMENTS,
3 WE CAN ENTER AND COMMUNICATE SO BEFORE -- AND THEN WE CALL FOR
4 INTERPRETER. SOME OKAY -- THAT'S OKAY BUT MORE SO WE WHO CAN
5 SPEAK IN SIGN LANGUAGE BOTH, WE DON'T HAVE ANY PERSON FROM
6 THERE. SO IMPORTANT TO US FOR SECTION 8 HOUSING BEFORE GIVE,
7 THEY HAVE ORIENTATION, BUT DEAF PEOPLE, NO. SO LATER BROKE THE
8 RULES. BOTH THE COUNTY HOSPITAL APPOINTMENT, CALL THE
9 INTERPRETER, AFTER SIX MONTHS CALLS FROM, HOW? BUT AFTER SIX
10 MONTHS LATER COME INTERPRETER. NO QUALIFIED INTERPRETER THERE.
11 YOU UNDERSTAND? AND THEN -- THE INTERPRETER LEFT BECAUSE THEY
12 DON'T KNOW HOW TO RULE. THEY HAVE COME FROM -- FAIR IS FAIR.
13 LET THESE DIF DEAF PEOPLE GO -- SO ALL -- FEDERAL OR -- PERSON
14 AND MORE TTYS THERE BUT "PLEASE LEAVE MESSAGE AND YOUR NAME
15 AND NUMBER. WE'LL CALL BACK IN 24 HOURS. ". CALL? NO. I WAIT
16 AND CALL, OKAY? OKAY. THEY FRUSTRATE DEAF PEOPLE. FOR NOTHING.
17 OKAY. WE WILL TAKE THE TESTIMONY, REFER IT TO THE C.E.O. AND
18 HE WILL MAKE A REVIEW OF THEIR CONCERNS. YOU'RE WELCOME.

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20 >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

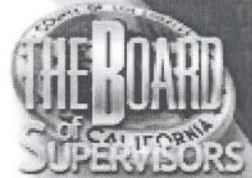
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22 >> SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU. PAUL HAHN, JAMES
23 CLEMSON, JACKIE NUTTING, DAVID KOOIMAN. JUST IDENTIFY YOURSELF
24 FOR THE RECORD BEFORE YOU SPEAK. YEAH, WE'LL HAND OUT.

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1 HI, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS PAUL HAHN. I'M A CO-OWNER OF THE
2 WILDLIFE LEARNING CENTER. AND WE ARE REQUESTING THE BOARD TO
3 INITIATE A COUNTER REVIEW PANEL ON THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
4 ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROCUREMENT 2009 AN-002. OUR REQUEST
5 FOR A PROPOSED CONTRACTOR SELECTION REVIEW WAS SUBMITTED TO
6 THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT ON JULY 19TH, 2010. AND WE HAVE
7 RECEIVED NO RESPONSE TO DATE. OUR PROTEST WAS PRIMARILY BASED
8 ON THE FACT THAT THE SELECTED INCUMBENT CONTRACTOR SUBMITTED A
9 NONRESPONSIVE PROPOSAL. IN ADDITION, SEVERAL OF THE EVALUATORS
10 SHOWED A CLEAR BIAS TOWARD THE INCUMBENT CONTRACTOR, AND SOME
11 OF THE INITIAL SCORES WERE CHANGED TO THEIR FAVOR. AN UNBIASED
12 EVALUATION BY A COUNTY REVIEW PANEL WILL CLEARLY SHOW THAT
13 THIS WAS NOT SIMPLY A MATTER OF EVALUATORS' SUBJECTIVITY. THE
14 INCUMBENT'S PROPOSAL WAS GROSSLY DEFICIENT IN MEETING THE MOST
15 FUNDAMENTAL REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN THE RFP. BOARD POLICY
16 5.055 STATES THAT THE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE SHALL ISSUE A
17 WRITTEN DECISION TO THE PROPOSER WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME. WE
18 HAVE RECEIVED NO SUBSTANTIVE INFORMATION IN THE LAST 172 DAYS.
19 LACKING ANY RESPONSE, WE ADVISED THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
20 WORKS ON DECEMBER 13TH, 2010 OF OUR INTENT TO REQUEST A COUNTY
21 REVIEW PANEL AT THE FIRST AVAILABLE MEETING HERE WITH YOU
22 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. ON DECEMBER 26TH, WE WERE VERBALLY
23 INFORMED THAT THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT INTENDS TO CANCEL
24 THIS PROCUREMENT. THIS ACTION IS CLEARLY INTENDED TO
25 CIRCUMVENT THE PROTEST PROCESS THAT THEY DEFINED. A

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1 REPROCUREMENT WOULD ALSO GIVE THE INCUMBENT CONTRACTOR A
2 SECOND CHANCE TO SUBMIT A RESPONSIVE PROPOSAL. THIS WOULD BE
3 UNFAIR TO OUR SMALL BUSINESS, AS WE SPENT NEARLY \$100,000 ON
4 THE INITIAL EFFORT. WE ASKED THAT A COUNTY REVIEW BOARD RE-
5 EVALUATE THE NEED TO CANCEL THIS PROCUREMENT AND CONSIDER
6 SIMPLY NEGOTIATING ANY CHANGES WITH THE WINNER OF THE CURRENT
7 PROPOSAL OR THE RFP. WE WERE ADVISED AT THE DEBRIEFING MEETING
8 THAT WE WOULD RECEIVE COPIES OF OUR REQUESTS FOR REVIEW. THESE
9 EVALUATION DOCUMENTS WERE NEVER RECEIVED, EVEN THOUGH WE KEEP
10 ASKING FOR THEM. PLEASE ASK THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT TO
11 PROVIDE THIS WRITTEN INFORMATION SO WE MAY ADEQUATELY PREPARE
12 FOR THE COUNTY REVIEW PANEL. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR HEARING
13 OUR REQUEST TODAY. I DO APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND CONTRIBUTION
14 TO THIS. THANK YOU.

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16 >> SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR: THANK YOU, MR. HAHN. LET'S ASK FOR
17 PUBLIC WORKS ON A REPORT BACK AND ALSO COMPLY WITH REQUESTING
18 THAT WERE MADE. THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

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20 GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS JIM CLEMSON,
21 I'M A FORMER EMPLOYEE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PUBLIC
22 ADMINISTRATOR AND A LONG BEACH RESIDENT. I LEFT MY POSITION AS
23 A DEPUTY PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR TO AVOID FURTHER DISCIPLINARY
24 ACTION WHICH I FELT WAS HARASSING. I'M HER AT THE REQUEST OF
25 MY FORMER COWORKERS TO INFORM YOU THE CONDITIONS THAT I WORKED

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